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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP TO PARSKY VISIT

REF: STATE 0022, ABU DHABI 2444, JERUSALEM 1815,
ABU DHABI 0057

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TREASURY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY AGREED TO PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION
OF A SPECIAL MECHANISM WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE EMBASSY'S
EFFORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CLOSER ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND UAE. ACCORD-
INGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO
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MINISTER AL-OTAIBA AND A COPY OF LETTER TO FOREIGN

MINISTER AL-SUWAYDI FROM TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
PARSKY.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE USG WELCOMES YOUR GOVERNMENT'S EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST IN FINDING WAYS TO INCREASE COOPERATION IN THE
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FIELD. WE WISH TO RECIPROCATE.
BOTH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHICH SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY

POINT OF CONTACT IN ABU DHABI AND THE RELEVANT U.S.
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE
CONTACT WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

ON THE BASIS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REPORTS, REPRESENTATIVES
FROM DIFFERENT U.S. AGENCIES INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENTS
OF STATE, COMMERCE AND TREASURY WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER
AND MEET PERIODICALLY TO CONSIDER YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RE-
QUESTS. THIS SPECIAL MECHANISM SHOULD ENSURE THAT
HELPFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE AND TIMELY RESPONSES ARE MADE TO
SUCH REQUESTS.

YOUR GOVERNMENT, THROUGH YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, MAY
ALSO ENGAGE IN DIRECT CONTACTS WITH ME AND OTHER USG
OFFICIALS. SUCH CONTACTS CAN OFTEN EXPEDITE ACTION ON
SPECIALIZED ISSUES.

WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED
IN ABU DHABI, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE FURTHER WHAT KIND
OF HELP YOUR GOVERNMENT SEEKS AND ON THE BASIS OF THIS
INFORMATION DETERMINE WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY BE
ABLE TO DO IN RESPONSE.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY WORKING
ON PLANS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUCH FIELDS AS
CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, GROUND WATER SURVEY AND TELEPHONE
COMMUNICATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS REPRESENTS A GOOD
BEGINNING BUT BELIEVE THAT A MUCH BROADER AND INTENSIVE
EFFORT CAN BE MADE IN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD.
SECRETARY SIMON WILL DISCUSS THIS IN DETAIL DURING HIS
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FORTHCOMING VISIT.

IN OUR LAST MEETING YOU INDICATED YOUR WILLINGNESS TO
SUPPLY MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU ENVISAGE THE PARTI-
CIPATION OF U.S. PRIVATE FIRMS IN THE GAS, FERTILIZER
AND STEEL PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED. WE HAVE RE-
CEIVED A SET OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE FERTILIZER
PLANT AND STEEL MILL PROJECTS THAT YOU GAVE OUR EMBASSY.

WE HAVE HAD INITIAL CONTACTS ON THE STEEL MILL PROJECT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. STEEL INDUSTRY WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM SOON ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR A POSSIBLE VISIT TO ABU DHABI.

IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO MOBILIZE THE U.S. GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY TO ASSIST YOUR GOVERNMENT IN PLANNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FEDERAL WATER AND POWER COMPLEX, I WILL NEED DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROJECT. ONCE I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THAT INFORMATION, I WILL INFORM YOU ON HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED IN THE MATTER.

I RECALL FROM OUR CONVERSATION YOUR INTEREST IN EXPEDITING THE PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN SUPPLIES. IF YOU COULD PROVIDE DETAILS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO FACILITATE THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

IN OUR DISCUSSION, I HAD AGREED TO TAKE UP THE ONSHORE GAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH YOUR AMERICAN PARTNERS, EXXON AND MOBIL. I HAVE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH EXXON OFFICIALS BUT HAVE NOT ENTERED INTO ANY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS PENDING RECEIPT THROUGH OUR EMBASSY AT ABU DHABI OF YOUR WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES. I WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH A SUMMARY WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THESE TWO COMPANIES.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED INFORMAL COORDINATING ARRANGEMENT FOR U.S.-UAE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION. ONCE WE HAVE YOUR GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT'S VIEWS ON THIS ARRANGEMENT AS WELL AS THE DETAILED FACTUAL INFORMATION MENTIONED ABOVE WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR REQUEST. AS SECRETARY SIMON MENTIONED TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP THE BEST MECHANISM FOR DEVELOPING CLOSER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON. SINCERELY YOURS, GERALD L. PARSKY.
UNQTE. KISSINGER

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